

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  KAWAZU <i>et al.</i>  Appl. No. 10/521,596  § 371 Date: June 9, 2005	Confirmation No.: 4564  Art Unit: 1638  Examiner: Mehta, A.D.  Atty. Docket: 2144.0300000/RWE/JKM
For: <b>Nucleic Acids Encoding Mirafiori Lettuce Viral Proteins and Utilization Thereof</b>	

**Reply to Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated **July 11, 2007**, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-16, 18, 20 and 21, drawn to a first product, a nucleic acid that encodes the coat protein of Mirafiori lettuce virus; a vector, transformed cell or transformed plant comprising said nucleic acid; and a first method for producing said coat protein, comprising culturing said transformed cell. This election is made **without traverse**.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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